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Title: Need to re-open Kavalkinaru railway station in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI K.R.P. PRABAKARAN (TIRUNELVELI): Kavalkinaru is an important village emerging as a prime hub for trade and distribution of vegetables and flowers. Surrounded by many small villages it serves as a marketing centre for both Tirunelveli district and adjacent districts of Kerala too. This Kavalkinaru village which had a functional Railway station between 1981 and 1994 is not having railway station as on date, it was closed 20 years back taking into account economic viability.

Now there is a need to relook because in the last two decades more than 100 wind mills have been developed and many Educational Institutions have been established in and around Kavalkinaru. There is also a modern flower market with state of the art facilities such as cold storage facilities and electronic auctioning system. More importantly Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant which is in the vicinity of Kavalkinaru is also in operation, now re-opening the railway station at Kavalkinaru has become the need of the hour since every day thousands of students, business people, Private & Government employees, Construction workers and traders commute from Kavalkinaru to various destinations.

It is the long term demand of my constituency people to re-operationalise the railway station which will bring in revenue and become an incubator of local economy.

Hence, I urge upon the Railway Minister to re-operationalise the Kavalkinaru Railway Station considering vast development and increased economic activities in and around Kavalkinaru.